

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Orlando Fundaun Erickson was born on January 22, 1915, to Martin and Julia (Fundaun) Erickson, on the Erickson farm in Rural Orland Township, Lake County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, In the fall of 1919, Orlando moved with his parents and sister, Inez, to the Fundaun Homestead, his mother's birthplace, located southeast of Baltic, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Orlando attended Moen Rural School for 8 years and graduated from Baltic High School in 1934, after which he helped his parents farm until they moved into Baltic in 1943, assisted his father with the Blacksmith Shop, did custom farm work, and worked for 3 International Harvester/Farmall Implement dealers: Schmidt, Van's, and Kayser Implement; and,

Whereas, Orlando married Lorraine M. Carson at the First Lutheran Church in Colton, South Dakota, on May 26, 1957, and to that union was born one son, Dale; and,

Whereas, Since Orlando retired in 1979, he has assisted with the Charles Berg farming operation west of Baltic, helping with the fall 2004 harvest; and,

Whereas, Orlando has enjoyed his talent of "Rosemaling" in his spare time, as well as a love of God, family, farming, and a keen interest in farm machinery; and,


Whereas, Orlando will observe his 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as his friends and relatives gather to honor him and celebrate his life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a man who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 22, 2005, as


ORLANDO ERICKSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I join all his many friends and relatives in wishing him a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State

